



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

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LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION
After Action

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION	
Chair	Einer Anderson
Vice-Chair	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	Chuck Dillmann
Commissioner	Jeanne Gregg
Commissioner	John Macchia
Commissioner	Syliva H. Cook
Commissioner	Vacant

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Commissioner Gregg

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff Balagso introduced Rod Cooper, Interim Recreation and
Community Services Manager to the Commission

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

County Librarian Cervantes

County Librarian Cervantes presented the report. Ms. Cervantes announced the County Library newsletter was mailed. The River is the theme for the month of September in celebration of the opening of the Guadalupe River Park and Garden in San Jose.

The selection for this year's Silicon Valley Reads is "When the Emperor was Divine" by Julie Otsuka.

She announced the library is working on three technology projects:

- 1) an automated material handling system was installed in the Cupertino, Morgan Hill, Los Altos and Cupertino libraries. The system will be installed in the new Morgan Hill Library.
- 2) Wireless access inside libraries
- 3) New internal telephone system

Joint Powers Authority

No report. The JPA has not held a meeting.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian Macek

Rosanne Macek reviewed written report (attachment A) and distributed the Morgan Hill Library Annual Report. She announced the Library will have a booth at the Taste of Morgan Hill.

3. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

President Carol O'Hare

President O'Hare announced Gavilan College presented the Friends of the Library with the 2005 Community Spirit Award. She provided a written report (attachment B.)

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dillmann

Commissioner Dillmann reported there has been little activity in the Legislature. He announced the Indianapolis Public Library was denied an increase in funding because the increase would require a tax increase. The result will be a reduction in services.

He noted that over half of the libraries in New Orleans were flooded and ruined.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2005

Approved with amendment that items 3 – 8 in the workplan were to be deleted.

Commissioner Dillmann motioned to approve, Commissioner Macchia seconded the motion.
Approved (5:0)

BUSINESS

6. LIBRARY ART PROJECT-CIVIC CENTER PLAZA SISTER CITY BENCHES AND HISTORICAL ART COLUMNS

Recommended Action: Action Item. Provide direction regarding the funding of the art tiles, design, manufacturing and installation of Sister City and historical art tile proposed in Civic Center Plaza.

City Architect Jim Dumas requested the Commission to provide direction on the following issues:

- 1) Sister City concept for plaza
- 2) ideas on how to fund art
- 3) how to proceed with selection

Library architect Chris Noll presented examples of public art pieces from other cities. These included art tiles, columns and benches. He stated the Library Building Committee is seeking guidance on the type of art work to be installed:

- 1) benches at front entry with Sister City motif
- 2) columns depicting the history of Morgan Hill
- 3) quotations from books located at the entry or in the lobby of the library

Chair Anderson asked for clarification on the timeline for a recommendation. Mr. Noll responded the recommendation needs to be made as soon as possible as the final drawings need to be completed by the end of the year. He noted he is also working on a history project for the library as part of the Historical Society. Commissioner Cameron stated the Centennial Committee is also working a potential project for the library lobby-an oak tree trunk depicting the history of Morgan Hill with marking the appropriate rings. The Commission and members of the Library Building Committee present at the meeting noted there is a need for coordination and communication of the various projects. Commissioner Cameron asked if there is funding for this project. Mr. Noll responded only the concrete for the benches and columns is included in the budget at this time. City Manager Tewes added there is no funding for the artistic portion of the project. He stated perhaps the Commission should appeal to the Council for more funding for the art piece.

Ms. Cervantes stated the JPA holds the authority to create policy on artwork within the library. She stated the library tries to stay away from expensive pieces of art. The library encourages rotating art exhibits and art by local children.

Commissioner Cook asked for background on why the columns were presented as an option. Chair Anderson and Commissioner Dillmann provided information on the grant to the state to build the new library and how the concept of columns depicting the Sister Cities was included in that plan. Chair Anderson stated the sister city of San Martin de Hidalgo has a park called Morgan Hill Park with a plaque on a bench in honor of our city. The sister city of San Casciano has signs at the entry to the city noting Morgan Hill as a sister city. City Manager Tewes added the art work did not have to be complete on the day the library opens. It could be added at a later date.

Special Assistant to the City Manager Spier noted the Library Building Committee does not know what the community wants. There is a need to gather what the community input.

Commissioner Macchia asked if the art work for the plaza had to depict the sister cities. Architect Dumas responded the sister cities theme was not a requirement. Mr. Macchia suggested gathering community input by survey at the Taste of Morgan Hill at the Library booth. A survey will be developed.

Ms. Cervantes stated Sister Cities displays or programs is popular at other libraries. For example, the Cupertino Library has an exchange of books in Mandarin with their sister city in China.

Commissioner Cook asked if the Commission could provide a recommendation next month. Architect Noll responded the Commission could come back with a recommendation in October, but this issue will go before Council at the end of October. Ms. Spier stated the Council has endorsed the concept of columns when they approved the conceptual plans for the state grant.

Commissioner Dillmann suggested two Commissioners volunteer to gather community input. Commissioner Cook will attend the Arts Alliance meeting and present the concepts to that group. Chair Anderson will present these concepts to the Sister City Committee. Item will be placed on October agenda for continued discussion.

7. LIBRARY, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION WORK PLAN REVISION

Recommended Action: Information Item. Discuss revisions to Commission Work Plan in order to resubmit to Public Safety and Community Services committee and to identify extent Work Plan coincides with Council Policy.

Chair Anderson and Vice Chair Cameron noted the Work Plan was revised at the July meeting and discussed again at the August meeting. Items 3 through 8 were deleted. Staff Balagso presented the Work Plan without changes because she did not attend the August meeting and wanted to receive confirmation from the Commission on the changes. She will provide the revised Work Plan to the Commission.

8. LIBRARY, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION ROLE WITH MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Recommended Action: Information Item. Discuss role of Commission with the Morgan Hill Unified School District.

Commissioner Dillmann provided background for the new Commissioners on the relationship between the Library Commission and the School District in regard to the Joint Use Agreement required for the grant to the state. Commissioner Macchia stated the Library is poised to hire 2 positions that will work directly with the schools. Chair Anderson stated this item would be appropriate for the workshop and perhaps a representative from the School District could attend. City Manager Tewes stated the City is hopeful the Commission will take on this role with the school. Community Librarian Macek stated it was helpful to have support from the Commission and Council for last year's Library Card Campaign.

9. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Recommended Action: Information Item. Fundraising Committee will provide update on fundraising plans and activities.

Chair Anderson stated the committee did not hold a meeting last month. Mr. Anderson spoke to Bill McDonald from the Saratoga Library Foundation. Mr. McDonald has been successful in raising funds for this organization. He noted fundraising for the Foundation was not successful

when it was first formed in 2000. However, in recent years, the organization raised \$400,000 for the new Saratoga Library. Half of this amount came directly from the community.

The Morgan Hill organization still needs to identify someone to lead the fundraising effort. Commissioner Dillmann suggested inviting community leaders to a meeting to present the need for fundraising and to help identify a leader. Mr. Anderson added the Friends of the Library is discussing raising additional funds for the new library.

10. RESCHEDULE OCTOBER 10 MEETING IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY

Recommended Action: Action Item. Commission will reschedule October 10 regular meeting. Library administration offices will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

Commissioner Dillmann motioned to reschedule the meeting to Monday, October 3. Vice Chair Cameron seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0.)

11. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Artwork for Civic Center Plaza

Commission Workshop

Defining the Role of Library, Culture and Arts Committee

Fundraising

12. ADJOURNMENT at 9:10 pm to next monthly meeting on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers



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